

FRIS/TI-FRIS Retreat 2025 Overview

July 17-18 (Thu-Fri) Mercure Miyagi Zao Resort & Spa

<https://mercure-miyagizao-resortandspa.jp/>

Registration is Now Open (deadline: 6/10, Tue)

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/YYnYEbetWsd6EUg98>

Aim:

At FRIS and TI-FRIS, we believe in the power of collaboration and the benefits that come when researchers from different backgrounds work together. Our retreat is designed to help young researchers understand and appreciate each other's work, fostering deeper connections and mutual learning.

Fee: ¥10,000-15,000 (tentative)

- Accommodation and meals included. # we will share a room with 4-5 people
- TI-FRIS will cover travel expenses for TI-FRIS Fellows.
- The others should individually get a reimbursement from their own research fundings.

Transportation: Shuttle busses from FRIS building and Sendai Station will be provided.

Style: Onsite meeting (Not hybrid)

Program:

- Group Work
- Invited Talks
 - Dr. Le Duc Anh (University of Tokyo) Engineering
 - Dr. Kenji Fukushima (National Institute of Genetics) Botany
 - Dr. Takako Kikkawa (Tohoku University) Neuroscience

Participants:

- FRIS Academic Staff & Alumni
- TI-FRIS Fellows & Senior Fellows
- Invited Speakers & Guests
- Administrative Staff of TI-FRIS participating universities



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FRIS/TI-FRIS Retreat 2025 Timetable

Day 1: 7/17		All	FRIS	TI-FRIS
10:00	Boarding the bus *1			
11:00	Arrival at the hotel			
11:30-11:40	Opening Talk			
11:50-12:50	Lunch			Check-in
13:00-13:50	Invited Talk 1: Dr. Takako Kikkawa *2			
14:00-14:50	Invited Talk 2: Dr. Kenji Fukushima *2			
15:00-16:00	Group Photo		Check-in	Get-Together
16:00-16:45	Group Work 1 (Introduction)			
16:40-18:00	Free *3			
18:00-20:00	Banquet			
20:00-21:00	Group Work 2 (Discussion)			
21:00-	Mixer			

Day 2: 7/18		All	FRIS	TI-FRIS
7:00-9:00	Breakfast, Checkout			
9:00-9:50	Invited Talk 3: Dr. Le Duc Anh *2			
10:00-12:20	Presentation of Group Work			
12:20-12:30	Concluding Remark			
12:30-13:30	Lunch			
13:40	Boarding the bus			

*1: From Sendai station or FRIS

*2: Lecture 30 min, Q&A 20 min

*3: We can take a bath



FRIS/TI-FRIS Retreat 2025 Group Work

Event Overview:

1. Registration

Participants will be asked about their hobbies during the registration process.

リトリートへの参加登録の時点で趣味をお聞きします。



2. Grouping

Based on the participants' hobbies, they will be divided into groups of approximately 6-8 people (depending on the number of participants). Grouping is done without regard to age or position.

趣味のジャンルをもとに概ね6~8人の班（全体の参加者数次第で変動）に分けます。年齢やポジションは関係ありません。

3. Activities

Participants will engage in the following activities over two days:

Day 1: Icebreaker and Free Talk Session

- Each group will start with brief self-introductions followed by free conversations (about 45 minutes, before banquet)
- From the free talk, groups will brainstorm and develop a research topic (around 1 hour, after banquet)
- The research topic can either align with the group member's specific expertise or explore a broader, interdisciplinary topic.

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Day 2: Presentations

- One member from each group will present their group's ideas (no slides required). Each presentation will include a 10-minute Q&A session.
The total duration will depend on the number of groups, but it will be approximately 2 hours.
- Presentations should focus on:
 - The research topic and why it was chosen.
 - How the characteristics of the group members were leveraged.
 - What additional resources (people, materials, etc.) would be required to implement the idea.

1日目：フリートークとディスカッション

- まずは自己紹介&フリートークを30分程度
- フリートークから派生して、1時間程度で研究課題を1つ考える。内容自由。
- その班のメンバーの専門性を合わせるもよし、誰の専門でもない分野でもよし。

2日目：発表

- 班ごとに、1日目に話し合った研究内容をメンバーの一人が代表で発表。各班、質疑応答込み10分で2時間程度。
- 課題の内容、なぜ思いついたのか、班メンバーのどんな特徴を活かしているのか、もし実現するとしたらあとは何が必要か（ヒトや物）、を中心に説明する。

Since this is not a real research project (though it could be, if you'd like!), it's a time to casually introduce ourselves and brainstorm interdisciplinary research ideas. Let's have fun with it!

実際にその研究課題を実施するわけではないので（もちろん実現するのも素敵ですが）、気楽にお互いを紹介しながら、融合研究を妄想する時間です。楽しみましょう。